



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21-219; RM-11907; DA 21-583; FR ID 28088]

Television Broadcasting Services Quincy, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by WGEM License, LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of WGEM-TV (NBC), channel 10, Quincy, Illinois. The Petitioner requests the substitution of channel 19 for channel 10 at Quincy in the DTV Table of Allotments.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] and reply comments on or before [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: Patrick Cross, Esq., Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, 1700 Wells Fargo Capitol Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In support of its channel substitution request, the Petitioner states that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics that pose challenges for their use in providing digital television service, including propagation characteristics that allow undesired signals and noise to be receivable at relatively far distances and nearby electrical devices to cause interference. Petitioner states that it has

attempted to address the station's reception issues through multiple technical avenues, including requesting a waiver of the permissible power limits set forth in the Commission's rules, but continues to receive numerous complaints of poor or no reception from viewers. In addition, while the proposed channel 19 facility will result in a slight reduction (approximately 9.4 kilometers) in WGEM-TV's noise limited contour, the Petitioner states that use of the Longley-Rice propagation model indicates that the proposed channel 19 facility will have an extended terrain-limited service throughout the gap area, and thus, there will be no loss of service.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 21-219; RM-11907; DA 21-583, adopted May 17, 2021, and released May 17, 2021. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to FCC504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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See §§ 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules for information regarding the proper filing procedures for comments, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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Proposed Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73 -- RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

2. In § 73.622(i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments under Illinois by revising the entry for Quincy to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

(i) ***

Community	Channel No.

ILLINOIS	

Quincy	19, 32, *34
